



Advanced Medical Technology Association, AdvaMed, Statement
in Support of Senate Bill 257
An Act Concerning The Governor's Recommendations to Improve Access to Healthcare

AdvaMed is the national trade association leading efforts to advance medical technology in order to achieve healthier lives and healthier economies around the world. AdvaMed represents 80 percent of medical technology firms in the United States and acts as the common voice for companies producing medical devices, diagnostic products, and health information systems. [Our members](#) produce nearly 90 percent of the health care technology purchased annually in the United States and more than 40 percent purchased annually around the world. AdvaMed's member companies range from the largest to the smallest medical technology innovators and companies. Our members' products range from syringes, needles, and bandages, to joint replacements, and imaging equipment.

Senate Bill 257 would amend the requirements, adopted last year, for drug and medical device companies to report their transfers of value to advance practice registered nurses. The changes would clarify that the law applies to APRNs in independent practice, change the reporting from quarterly to annually and have the first report to cover the 2016 calendar year. These are reasonable modifications to the law that will allow the Department of Consumer Protection additional time to prepare to collect and manage the data, and provide companies subject to the law more sufficient time to prepare systems to collect and submit the data.

The bill's clarification of the law's limitation to independent APRNs and the independent designation on the Department of Health's web site should greatly enhance compliance since companies would otherwise have been stymied in trying to determine which APRNs are independent.

Changing the reporting requirement to annually will bring the Connecticut law more in line with the federal Sunshine reporting requirements. Also, having the first reporting period covering the 2016 calendar year will provide both DCP and manufacturers with sufficient time to prepare, test, and implement data collection systems for a health care provider category for which data has not previously been tracked.

For these reason, AdvaMed is in support of Senate Bill 257.



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